

MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

To the Health Committee
of the Urban District of Milnrow.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting my ~~twenty~~-fourth Annual Report of the District of Milnrow, and shall commence by placing before you the General Statistics from which this report is formed.

Population.

The estimated population for 1952 is 8578 with an acreage of 5,194.

The census of 1931 gave the number of inhabited houses to be 2,574, the number of families or separate occupiers 2,575 and the total population 8,623.

The rateable value of the district is £51,545. and the sum represented by the Penny rate is £211.

The population is industrial and is occupied mainly with cotton spinning, the engineering trade and the wood trade, none of which has any peculiar influence on the public health.

Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Births in 1952	137	71	66
Deaths in 1952	128	64	64
Deaths in infants under one year	6	4	2
Still births	2	1	1

Rates per 1,000 of Population

	<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Deaths</u> (all causes)		<u>Stillbirths</u>		<u>Maternal</u> <u>Mortality</u>		<u>Infant</u> <u>Mortality</u>	
	No. Registered	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Reg.	Rate per 1000 Pop.	No. Deaths Reg.	Rate per 1000 total births	No. deaths Reg.	Rate per 1000 live births
1952	137	15.7	128	14.0	2.	14	1	7.19	6	44
1951	142	16.6	123	14.4	3.	21	Nil.	Nil.	3	35
Previous year difference	-5	-0.9		-0.4		-7		7.19		+9

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE OF DISTRICT
DURING 1952 and PREVIOUS YEARS.

Year	Population estimated to middle of each year.	B irths		Deaths		Infantile Deaths		Maternal Mortality	
		No.	Rate.	No.	Rate	Under 1 year	Rate	Deaths	Rate
1934	8446	113	13.3	119	14.1	5	44	Nil	
1935	8406	98	11.6	121	14.3	8	81	1	9.7
1936	8287	95	11.4	130	13.2	2	21	1	10.2
1937	8058	96	11.9	117	14.5	4	41	Nil	
1938	8033	98	12.1	110	13.6	6	61	Nil	
1939	8375	105	12.5	126	15.1	5	47	2	18.
1940	8072	118	14.6	116	14.3	3	25	1	8.06
1941	7895	117	14.8	115	14.5	5	42	Nil	
1942	7663	110	14.3	90	11.7	6	54	Nil	
1943	7520	116	15.4	108	14.3	9	77	Nil	
1944	7661	129	16.8	97	12.6	2	15.5	1	7.75
1945	7671	131	17.0	111	14.4	9	68	Nil	
1946	8134	147	18.0	105	12.9	6	40	Nil	
1947	8290	166	20.0	112	13.5	5	50	Nil	
1948	8418	145	17.2	117	13.2	9	62	1	6.66
1949	8514	146	17.1	128	14.3	6	43	1	6.80
1950	8596	134	15.6	126	14.7	3	15	Nil	
1951	8557	142	16.6	123	14.4	5	35	Nil	
1952	8578	137	15.7	128	14.0	6	44	1	7.19

Birth Rate

In 1952 the live births belonging to this district were 71 males and 66 females.

The birth rate in 1952 was 15.7
The birth rate in 1951 was 16.6
The decrease in 1952 on the previous year was 0.9
The Birth Rate for England and Wales
in 1952 was 15.3

Death Rate

In 1952 the deaths belonging to this district were 64 males and 64 females.

The death rate for 1952 was 14.0
The death rate for 1951 was 14.4
The decrease in 1951 on the
previous year was 0.4
The death rate for England and Wales
in 1952 was 11.3

In 1952 the registered births exceeded the deaths by 9
In 1951 the registered births exceeded the deaths by 19.

During the year 64 people belonging to the district died outside it :-

Birch Hill Hospital	46	Norfol & Norwich Hospital	1
West Herts. Hospital	1	South Westmorland R.D.	2
Rochdale Infirmary	5	Springfield Sanatorium	1
Rochdale	2	Salford Royal Hospital	1
Marland Hospital	1	Walney	1
Royal Manchester		Wolstenholme Hall Sanatorium	1
Children's Hospital	1	Blackburn	1

The causes of death were :-

Tuberculosis respiratory	2
Tuberculosis other	1
Malignant Neoplasm stomach	2
Malignant neoplasm lung. brochus.	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	8
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	28
Diabetes	1
Coronary disease angina	11
Hypertension with heart disease	3
Other heart diseases	26
Other circulatory disease	5
Influenza	1
Pneumonia	9
Bronchitis	9
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2
Gastritis, enteritis and Diarrhoea	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	8
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	1
Motor vehicle accidents	3
All other accidents	2
Suicide	1
	<u>128</u>

Infantile Mortality

During 1952 there were 6 deaths of infants under one year, the causes of death being :-

Broncho pneumonia	2
Tuberculosis peritonitis	1
Gastro enteritis	1
Prematurity	2

The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1952 was	44
The Infantile Mortality Rate in 1951 was	35
The increase in 1952 on the previous year was	9
The Maternal Mortality during 1952 was	44
The Maternal Mortality during 1951 was	Nil
The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was	27.6

During February and March there was an outbreak of Alastrim. The total number of cases was 7. These were removed to the Ainsworth Isolation Hospital, Bury.

The total number of contacts visited was 207.

Of these 140 were contacts of Milnrow cases,
52 were contacts of Rockdale cases,
13 were contacts of Heywood cases,
2 were contacts of Whitworth cases.

The total number of visits made to contacts was 639.

Vaccination was carried out at various mills and places of employment, also at surgeries. The estimated number of people vaccinated 5057, or 59.75% of the population.

Causes of Infectious Diseases Notified
during the year 1952

Notifiable diseases	Total	Under 1 year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 to over 65	Cases removed to hospital
Measles	100	1	19	15	17	24	19	5						
Whooping Cough	7	2	1	1	2		1							
Scarlet Fever	22		1		1	5	8	5	1	1				13
Smallpox	7							1	2		2	2		7
Pneumonia	5										2		3	
Tuberculosis	18	1	1	2		1	1		1	1	2	8		
Puerperal Pyrexia	2									2				2
Sonnei Dysentery	2		1	1										1
Total	163													

Under the National Health Service Act the County is divided into 17 administrative divisions.

Milnrow is in Number 13 district which is composed of Bacup, Heywood, Littleborough, Milnrow, Wardle and Whitworth.

Maternity and Child Welfare

Clinic

There is a Maternity and Child Welfare clinic, (Consultation) open every Tuesday 2-0 to 4-0 p.m.

Ante Natal

Cases attend clinic in Rochdale by arrangements of 1 Wesley Street when the clinic is open.

Midwifery

Domiciliary midwifery is carried out by midwives under the control of the Lancashire County Council.

Home Helps

There are two home helps in the district.

Cleansing Centre

Cases requiring treatment are treated at the Cleansing centre in Rochdale.

Immunisation

Clinics are held monthly at the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre on the first Wednesday in every month.

Ambulance Facilities

The Ambulance service is administered by the Lancashire County Council and the Ambulance Station is at Littleborough.

Infectious Diseases

The hospitals are administered by the Regional Hospital Board.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

O. R. I. LOVE, M.D., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health.

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SANITARY INSPECTOR

for the year 1952

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MILNROW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,

MILNROW.

Annual Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the Year 1952.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee
of the Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in submitting to you my eighth Annual Report of the Sanitary Conditions of the district.

During the year the laying of the Broad Lane sewer was completed, the properties re-drained, the pail closets converted and the whole of the drainage connected to the sewer.

This has enabled a re-organisation of the collection of nightsoil to be made, the collection is now carried out in one day, allowing more time to be utilized to improve the house refuse collection service.

Demolition orders have been made on 5 dwellinghouses at Tunshill, and an agreement made with the owner of 3 dwellinghouses in Shorefield Terrace to be demolished.

The 1951 census figures show that the population of your district 8585, an increase of one since 1911. The number of habitable houses in 1911 was 2,560; in 1952 the number was 3,109 - an increase of 527 houses.

The increase in dwelling houses had spread the population and has reduced the number of persons per house from 3.35 in 1911 to 2.76 persons per house in 1952.

Another feature is the percentage of older people in the population, this percentage will increase in the future.

In 1949 13.5% of the population was of pensionable age and it is estimated that in 1980 the percentage will be 20%

With the family unit becoming smaller and the percentage of elderly people increasing it will be appreciated that small units of accommodation will be required in the future.

The Health Committee have considered this question of accommodation for the elderly and are of the opinion that hostels are not the full answer to the problem.

Suggestions have been made to the County Council that if provision was made for small units of accommodation to be available for the elderly and accommodation attached for a warden who would be available for assistance when necessary, the elderly would be happier and more content in their own home. They would still be useful members of the community and many would not require Part III accommodation in hostels.

The County Council are considering this matter and it is hoped that some scheme will be evolved to allow many of the elderly to have their own accommodation.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1952.

Number of houses erected during the year :-

By other bodies	Nil
By Local Authority	20 Flats.

Number in course of erection under present contracts

10 Single Persons Flats.
3 Bungalows
2 - 1 bedroom flats
2 - 2 bedroom flats
12 two bedroom houses
18 three bedroom houses.

Inspection of Dwellinghouses during the year.

Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	195
Number of inspections made for the purpose	315
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in such a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	5
Number of dwellinghouses (excluding those referred to under the preceeding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	69

Remedy of Defects during the year without the service of Formal Notice

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequent of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers	46
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Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	11
Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :-	
(a) by owners	2
(b) by local authority in default of owners	Nil

Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	5
Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	Nil

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding

Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	2
Number of families dwelling therein	2
Number of persons dwelling therein	16
Number of cases of overcrowding reported during the year	Nil
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil

Public Health Acts

The total number of houses inspected during the year was 358, of this total 163 houses were inspected owing to the occurrence of infectious diseases. The remaining inspections were made on account of general defects, etc.

Other inspections made are shown in Table A and Nuisances abated in Table B.

Water Supply

The water supply for the district is from Rochdale and Oldham Corporations and is a direct supply to the houses.

During the year 2 samples of water have been examined.

The results of the bacteriological examinations were satisfactory.

One sample for bacteriological examination has been taken from a private supply.

The result of the examination was not satisfactory and further sampling will be carried out from this supply.

Of the 3,109 houses in the district 2,911 are supplied from the mains. The houses not receiving mains water are those scattered throughout the district where a water main is not available, and are farm cottages and small hamlets.

There are no stand pipes in the district.

Rodent Control

The following summary gives details of the work carried out during the year :-

	<u>Properties inspected</u>	<u>No. of properties infested</u>	<u>No. of Treatments</u>
Local Authority	26	4	4
Dwellinghouses	286	12	12
Business Premises	251	16	16
Agricultural Premises	13	Nil	Nil

654 Poison baits were laid, with takes from 371.

A test bait of the sewers was carried out, 23 manholes were baited. I am pleased to report that no bait was taken.

There were no cases of infestation of a serious nature.

Scavenging

The Sanitary accommodation at the end of the year was :-

Fresh water closets	2803
Waste water closets	70
Pail closets	185
Ashbins	2638

Cleansing Service

Domestic Refuse

The Cleansing service is operated by two refuse collection vehicles and 8 men, and collects domestic refuse, kitchen waste and nightsoil.

The refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping.

The vehicles travelled 9,509 miles and collected 1,558 loads of refuse, nightsoil and kitchen waste.

The figures are made up as follows :-

	<u>Mileage</u>	<u>Loads</u>
Domestic refuse	5,637	1,235
Kitchen waste	1,564	113
Nightsoil	1,707	156
Fish Offal	601	54

Salvage

Owing to the reduction in price of waste paper the collection was discontinued in July.

The kitchen waste is collected from street bins and taken to the Rochdale Corporation Cleansing Department for sterilization and manufactured into pig food.

The amount of salvaged materials collected was :-

	T.	c.	qr.
Waste Paper	33	11	3
Scrap Metal	14	6	0
Tins	23	13	0
Kitchen Waste	77	10	0

Drainage.

All drainage work carried out during the year has been inspected, 65 visits have been made.

Factories

There are 54 factories in the district, 52 mechanical and 2 non-mechanical. These are made up as follows :-

Mechanical Factories

11 Cotton Spinners	1 Brickworks
2 Waste Mills	4 Bleaching and dyeing works
1 Flannel Manufacturer	1 Surgical cotton Manufacturer
1 Paper Tube Manufacturer	1 Quarry
4 Engineering Works	4 Joiners
2 Woodwork Machinists	11 Bakehouses
1 Laundry	3 Garages
1 Plumber	1 Wool sorter
1 Electrical Engineer	1 Hide Skips and Pickers.
1 Printer	

Non-Mechanical Factories

Plumbers 2.

During the year 49 visits were made to factories re sanitary accommodation, canteens and boiler plant.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Two factories have been granted a licence under this Act to manufacture Rag Flock.

Food Preparing Premises and Food Shops

There are 18 bakehouses and 40 visits have been made to these premises. The general standard is good.

The ovens at these bakehouses are heated by gas, electricity and solid fuel. 9 gas, 2 electricity and 7 solid fuel.

Food Shops

There are 14 Butchers shops, 9 Fried fish and chip shops, 27 Grocery and Provisions, 21 Confectioners, 13 Greengrocery and fish.

59 visits have been made to food preparing premises and food shops. Many of the above have refrigerators, and a good standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

Milk

Samples taken during the year

	No. taken	T.B.		Methy Blue.	
		N.	P.	S.	N.S.
Dairy Farms	14	12	2	3	-

The 2 positive samples of milk were referred to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for investigation. In one case one roan cow and one light roan cow were slaughtered under the Tuberculosis Order, 1938, and in the other case one animal was removed to Knackers Yard prior to commencement of enquiry.

Schools and Day Nurseries

All milk supplied to schools is pasteurised and supplied in 1/3rd pint bottles.

	No. taken	Phosphatase test		Methy. Blue. test	
		S.	N.S.	S.	N.S.
Schools	6	6	-	6	-
Day Nurseries	3	3	-	3	-

Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1949

25 Licenses have been granted to sell "Sterilized" and 5 "Pasteurised" milk.

3 licenses have been granted for the sale of "Tuberculin Tested" milk.

Food and Drugs

The County Council sampling officer obtained 51 samples during the year of these 36 were of milk and 15 others comprised :-

6 ice cream	2 cocoa
1 Tapioca	1 epsom salts
2 Margarine	2 pancake and Yorkshire
1 gelatine	Pudding mixture.

All the samples were reported by the County Analyst to be genuine with the exception of the following :-

<u>Sample</u>	<u>Result of Analysis</u>	<u>Action taken</u>
1 Pancake and Yorkshire pudding mixture	Available carbon dioxide only 0.16	Further sample obtained.
1 Formal milk	Deficient 5 per cent fat and low in solids-not-fat	} Same vendor. Appeal to cow sample taken, also poor in fat. Vendor notified and asked to consult Agriculture Advisory Committee.
1 formal milk	Deficient 3.3 per cent fat and low in solids-not-fat.	

Unsound Food.

The undermentioned foodstuffs have been examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

- 4 tins Fruit salad
- 6 tins Evaporated Milk
- 26 tins Beans
- 10 tins Beans
- 3 tins Jellied Veal
- 4 tins Irish Stew
- 10 tins Peas
- 12 tins Luncheon Meat
- 6 tins Sardines
- 1 tin Cherries
- 1 tin Chicken Soup
- 1 tin Ham
- 6 tins Pork
- 14 tins Tomatoes
- 1 tin Strawberries
- 1 tin Tongue
- 3 tins Orange Juice
- 2 tins Pears
- 1 tin Pineapple
- 20 tins Salmon
- 1 tin Stewed Steak
- 1 tin Carrots
- 2 tins Rabbit
- 27 Glasses boneless rabbit
- 5 lb. Butter.

Shops Act

The following is a list of shops in the district :-

21 Confectioners	15 Greengrocery & Fish
14 Butchers	1 Gowns
7 Boot and shoe	9 Hairdressers
3 Chemists	7 Hardware
1 Corn Merchants	8 Newsagents
12 Drapery	2 Paint, Varnish & Wallpaper
1 Electrical Goods	1 Second Hand Dealer
9 Fried Fish & Chip	1 Tripe
2 Fancy goods	1 Watch and clock
27 Grocery and Provisions	6 Sweets and Tobacco
1 Cycle Accessories	

Licensed Premises

22 Public Houses
8 Clubs
2 Off Licences

166 Visits have been made to shops during the year.

The shops are mainly family businesses except the Co-operative shops and a few multiple shops.

The provisions of the Shops Acts are being complied with.

Smoke Abatement.

The industrial chimneys are kept under observation and every effort is made to prevent the emission of quantities of smoke.

Infection and Disinfection

There were 163 cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year :-

Smallpox	7
Scarlet Fever	22
Measles	100
Whooping Cough	7
Acute Pneumonia	5
Puerperal Pyrexia	2
Dysentery	2
Tuberculosis	
Non-Pulmonary	7
Pulmonary	11

24 of the cases of Infectious diseases notified were removed to hospital.

48 rooms have been fumigated with formaldehyde.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their ~~help~~ and consideration in the exercise of my duties as Sanitary Inspector.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,

H. NUNN,

Sanitary Inspector.

TABLE A

Investigations of Infectious Diseases (notifiable)	163
Visits re Small pox contacts	639
No. of houses inspected	195
Re-inspections	120
Inspections of Factories	49
Inspections of Farms	25
Inspections of Bakeries	40
Inspections of Food Preparing Premises	59
Inspections of Fried Fish & Chip shops	14
Inspections of Licensed Premises	4
Inspections of Schools	12
Inspections of Tip	37
Visits re Rats and Mice	564
Inspection of drainage	65
Visits re application for Council houses	87
Inspections of shops (Shops Act)	166
Visits to Day Nurseries	6
Inspection of Boiler plants	4
Visits re water supply	5
Visits re waste paper salvage	61
Visits re Rag Flock	1
Visits re Unsound Food	26
Visits not inspections	209
Miscellaneous inspections	22
	<u>2573</u>

TABLE B

Dirty Conditions	1
Choked drains released	14
Dampness	3
Roof repairs	7
Eavesgutters repaired or renewed	7
Rainwater Pipes repaired or renewed	3
Window Frames repaired	6
Accumulations removed	1
Artificial light to Sanitary conveniences	1
Percolations	7
Burst Water services	1
Bath waste repaired	1
Ceiling plaster repaired	6
Insufficient water pressure	1
Defective flues repaired	3
Floor boards repaired	2
Stair treads repaired	1
Window cords renewed	2
Pump repaired	2
Slopstone waste pipe repaired	2
Roof light repaired	1
W.C. Cistern repaired	1
Ashbins renewed	162
Ashbins provided	25
Sanitary Pails renewed	13
Rats and Mice Infestations	29
	<u>302</u>